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PROGRAM Huntley-Brinkley Report

STATION WRC-TV and
NBC-TV Network

DATE April 5, 1965 6:30 P.M.

CITY Washington, D.C.

(Chet Huntley is on vacation)

CPYRGHT DAVID BRINKLEY WAS SEEN ON THE TV SCREEN.

DAVID BRINKLEY: "Throughout last fall and winter, there were occasional reports of commando raids against Castro's Cuba. Also there were hints that they would be increased. Recently there have been no reports, and the silence is significant. According to the best information available a major effort to wear down Castro by a series of hit and run attacks from without, and guerrilla warfare from within has failed."

"This film, which we have held, until the outcome was clear, tells the story of one Cuban exile organization. Jeffrey Ponds reports."

JEFFREY PONDS: "One group that looked promising was the movement of revolutionary recovery -- the MRR. Its young dynamic leader, Manuel Artime, built a tough military unit of highly trained fighters. Most like Artime himself, have survived the Bay of Pigs. They were trained and largely equipped by the CIA. They had a network of secret and elaborate training camps in Central America. Artime's men grew expert in the arts of guerrilla, subversive and commando warfare."

"They believed they could overthrow Castro by destructive raids on his installations, and by landing infiltration teams, to foment a peasant revolt."

"These are the attack boats, (Monte?) and (Hitana?), headed toward Cuba last December 29th, after leaving their command ship, well out in the Caribbean. Their mission was to land two infiltrators near the town of (Caluma?) in the Province of Pinar del Rio, on Cuba's southwest coast. Artime's plan to put at least four infiltrators ashore every month was running six months behind the schedule."

"The support of a passing U. S. Navy P-2-V was more apparent than real. After one big raid, almost a year before, against a